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SUBJECT: RELIEF FROM MILITARY OVERFLIGHT CHARGES
BY FRANCE (EUROCONTROL)

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH QUAI SEGEN DE COURCEL,
I RAISED SUBJECT OF RELIEF FROM EUROCONTROL FEES ON
U.S. MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS. I NOTED THAT SINCE
MAY 1973, THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED ON NUMEROUS
OCCASIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE EXEMPT THESE
FLIGHTS FROM EUROCONTROL CHARGES RELATING TO THE USE
OF AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES. I ADDED
THAT WE HAD RECEIVED NO FORMAL ANSWER TO OUR
DIPLOMATIC NOTES OF NOVEMBER 1973 AND JUNE 1974. I
REMINDED DE COURCEL THAT THE USG EXEMPTS GOF MILITARY
OVERFLIGHTS OF U.S. TERRITORY FROM SIMILAR CHARGES.
FINALLY, I ASKED THAT THE GOF GIVE THIS SUBJECT THE
ATTENTION NEEDED TO RESOLVE IT.

2. DE COURCEL SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM,
AND THAT IT WAS UNDER REVIEW BY A GOF INTER-
MINISTERIAL GROUP. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT, WITHIN THIS
GROUP, THE QUAI HAD SUPPORTED OUR REQUEST FOR RELIEF.
HE SAID HE WOULD BRING MY VIEWS TO THE ATTENTION OF
FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES, AND THE QUAI WOULD TRY TO
EXPEDITE A GOF DECISION ON THE MATTER.

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